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ALSAGER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947.Council Offices,
ALSAGER.

The Chairman and Members of the Alsager Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman and Councillors.

I beg to present my annual report for 1947.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area.....2241 acres.

The registrar general's population estimate for Mid 1946.- 4,697.

Estimated population in 1947(from food office records)- 5,103

Number of houses inhabited(end of 1947 according to rate books.-1,490

Rateable value.

Sum represented by a penny rate.

Vital Statistics.

<u>Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births.	60	32	28
Still Births.	-	-	-
<u>Deaths.</u>			
Within the area.	41	16	25
Transferable from outside.	16	8	8
Total Deaths.	57		

Deaths from puerperal causes. 0
Deaths of infants under 1 year 5
Deaths from measles or whooping cough. 0
Deaths from infantile diarrhoea under 2 years. 0

Ages at death(including transferable deaths.)

	<u>Total.</u>
Under 1 year.	5
1-10	0
10-20	1
20-30	1
30-40	5
40-50	2
50-60	9
60-70	10
70-80	15
Over 80	6
Over 90	3
Total Deaths.	57

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Carcinoma.	4	General Peritonitis.	2
Diseases of the heart.	12	Coronary Thrombosis	7
Prematurity.	1	Chronic bronchitis	1
Senility.	4	Diseases of the Kidneys.	3
Pneumonia.	2	" " " Stomach	1
Arteriod Sclerosis.	1	Toxaemia.	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage.	8	Intestinal obstruction	3
Cerebral Thrombosis.	2	Other diseases.	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	2		57
Accident.	1		

3 inquests were held during the year.

General Provision of Health Service in the Area.

1. Public Health Officer of Authority.
 - (1) Medical Officer's of Health.
 - (2) Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector. (combined offices)

The above have held office for 26 and 40 years respectively.
The Medical Officer of Health is part-time and the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector is a full time official.
There is a part-time District Medical Officer (public Assistance)
There is no public vaccinator in the district.

Laboratory Facilities.

The usual arrangements are in force, the pathological department of the Royal Infirmary, Chester is available for all forms of bacteriological examination.

Ambulance Facilities.

The ambulance vehicle presented by the B'hoys of Alsager is of great value and the services of the attendants has been greatly appreciated.
A motor ambulance can also be obtained without undue delay from the neighbouring authorities such as the Urban District of Kidsgrove the Borough of Crewe or Newcastle or the city of Stoke-on-Trent.

Nursing in the Home.

A part-time nurse is employed Nurse Weatherall whose salary is maintained by Public Subscription to the Alsager Sick Nursing Fund. This society is affiliated with the County Association and is administered by a Committee of your Council of which Mr R Heap is the Secretary.

There are no arrangements for nursing infectious diseases and none are required as the patients are removed to Congleton Isolation Hospital unless private isolation can be provided. No special arrangements are made for whooping cough and measles which have to be looked after at home except in complicated cases of these diseases which may be admitted to the West Heath Sanatorium.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

These are as mentioned in previous reports.

Arrangements made under the Scabies order 1941.

A Scabies Clinic is established at the School Clinic on the Longview Estate. Treatments for children are carried out by the school nurse, adult cases are treated by the District Nurse. Facilities are provided by your Council.

Venereal Cases can obtain treatment as follows.

North Stafford Royal Infirmary.

Males	Monday to Friday.	6.30 p.m.	8.0 p.m.
	Tuesday to Fridays.	9.30 a.m.	12 noon.
Females.	Monday to Friday	5.0 p.m.	6 p.m.
	Tuesdays to Thursday.	9.30 a.m.	12 noon
	Saturday.	10 0 a.m.	12 noon.

Municipal Treatment Centre.. Wellesley Street. Hanley.

Both Sexes.	Monday and Thursday.	2.30 p.m.	7.0 p.m.
	Tuesday and Friday.	10.30 p.m.	1.0 p.m.
	Wednesday.	2.30 p.m.	5.0 p.m.

Crewe.

8, Hardman Street. Crewe Tel 2019

Doctor's Clinics.

Males and Females.	Tuesday	9.30-11.30 a.m.
	Friday.	5.0 - 7.0 p.m.

Intermediate Treatment.

Males. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday Friday and Saturday 9-11.30
 " " " Thursday and Friday. 5.0-7.0 p.m.

Females. Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday. 2.0 - 4.0 and
 5.0 - 7.0 p.m.
 Tuesday 9.0 - 11.30 a.m.
 Saturday 9.0 - 11.30 a.m.

Hospitals subsidised by the Sanitary Authority or by the County Council.

Fever. The West Heath Sanatorium Nr Congleton. Here accomodation has been sufficient and arrangements quite satisfactory.

Smallpox. There is a building for the accomodation of this at Arclid.

Tuberculosis. The Cheshire Joint Sanatorium Nr Market Drayton.

Orthopaedic. An orthopaedic clinic is held at the Crewe Memorial Hospital to deal with these cases at which an orthopaedic specialist attends at intervals.

Hospital treatment at the North Staffs Royal Infirmary and at the Cripples Aid Society is also available.

Mental Disease. The County Mental Hospital at Macclesfield.

Maternity. A Maternity Hospital has been opened at Wybunbury during the year which serves the needs of the Alsager Urban District. This Hospital is maintained by the County Council.

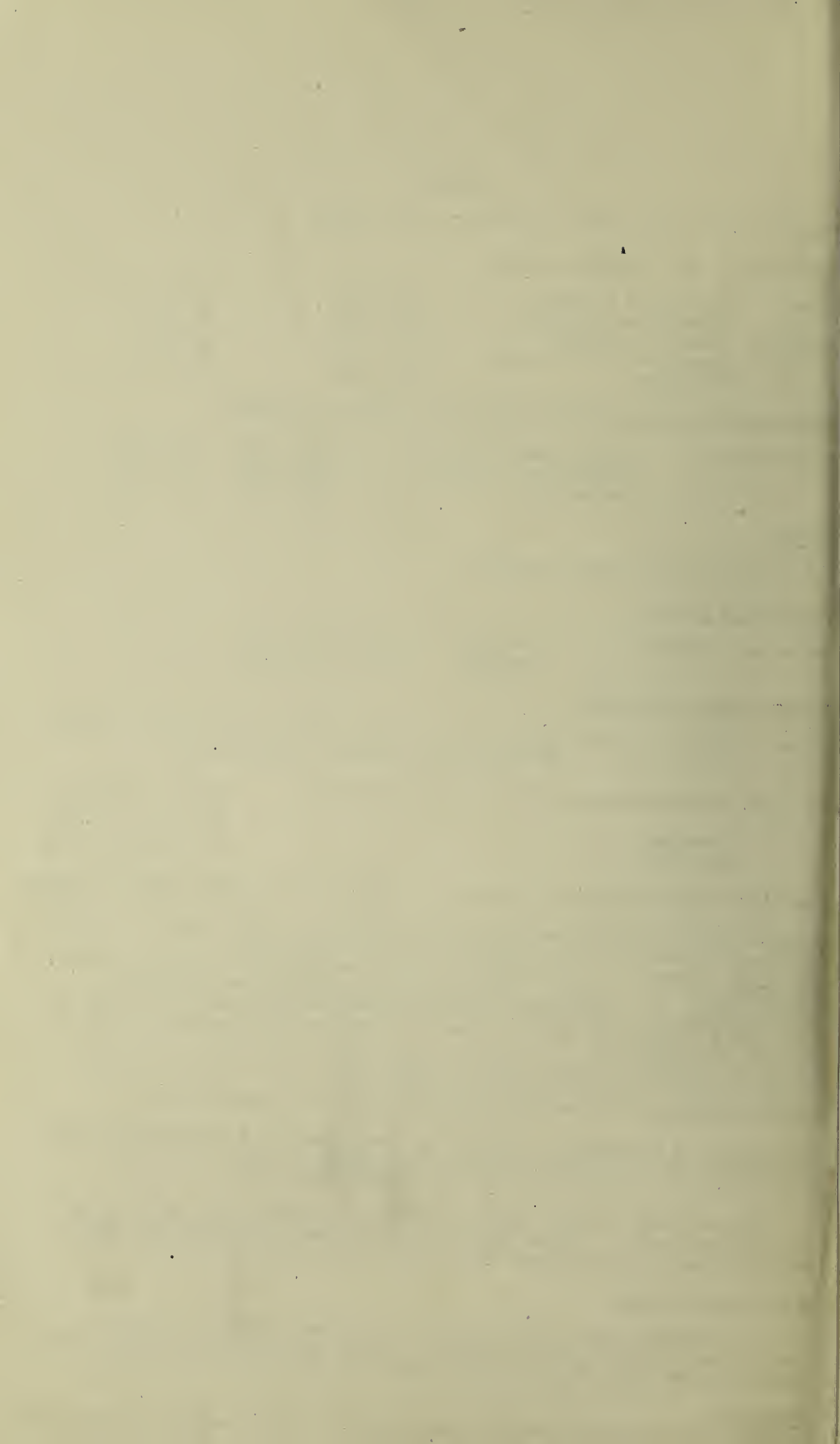
North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary provides all other forms of treatment and is subscribed to by voluntary contributions and a general contributory scheme from residents in the district.

Midwifery Service.

A Maternity nurse appointee by the County Council provides domiciliary service in the district, under the County Council scheme (midwives Act 1936) She resides within the district of Alsager.

Mortuary.

The new mortuary premises have provided satisfactory and adequate for local requirements.



Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

During the year the water supply has been adequate to meet all demands but the No 3 pump has failed and I understand that measures are being taken to have this re-conditioned.

Analysis.

No analysis of the water supply was taken during the year but there is no reason to believe that any variation has taken place and that the water is not of a wholesome bacteriological quality as previously reported by the County Analyst.

Plumbo Solvent.

Reported upon in 1944.

Contamination.

None.

Piped Supply.

2 houses still remain without direct water main supply and neither of these is supplied by stand pipe each having their own well.

Sewage Disposal.

Satisfactory working has been maintained throughout the year and the 3 works are in good order.

Refuse Dump.

Complaints were received from the college as to the prevalence of flies and remedial measures were at once taken and the nuisance abated.

Farms and Dairies.

Periodic inspections were made but no serious cases of uncleanness or neglect were discovered.

Sanitary Inspections.

Total number of inspections made, 363

Total number of notices served, 121

This includes housing and water, informal notices were sufficient to have the defects remedied.

Housing Statistics. Cases of Overcrowding. High preference has been given by the Council to cases of overcrowding when applications for new Council houses have been considered and the most serious cases have been relieved.



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Total number of houses inspected for defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts.	35
Defects Brought forward from 1946	2
No of informal notices. served.	27
" " formal " "	2
" " defects remedied	26
" " houses found not reasonably fit for habitation.	0
" " houses unfit for habitation.	0
" " defects carried forward.	3

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Shop premises, including ice-cream manufacturers have been inspected and only very minor cases were dealt with. Samples of ice-cream were taken from the 3 manufacturers and although one of these was unsatisfactory the second test sample taken proved to be satisfactory. Food unfit for human consumption has been inspected and condemned the chief cases were from H.M.S. Excalibur and the Heathside College these were relatively small and upon the whole the position has been satisfactory throughout the year.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The Royal Infirmary at Chester carry out this work if required.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were 23 cases of notifiable diseases, under the Public Health Act (including Tuberculosis) during the year as follows:-

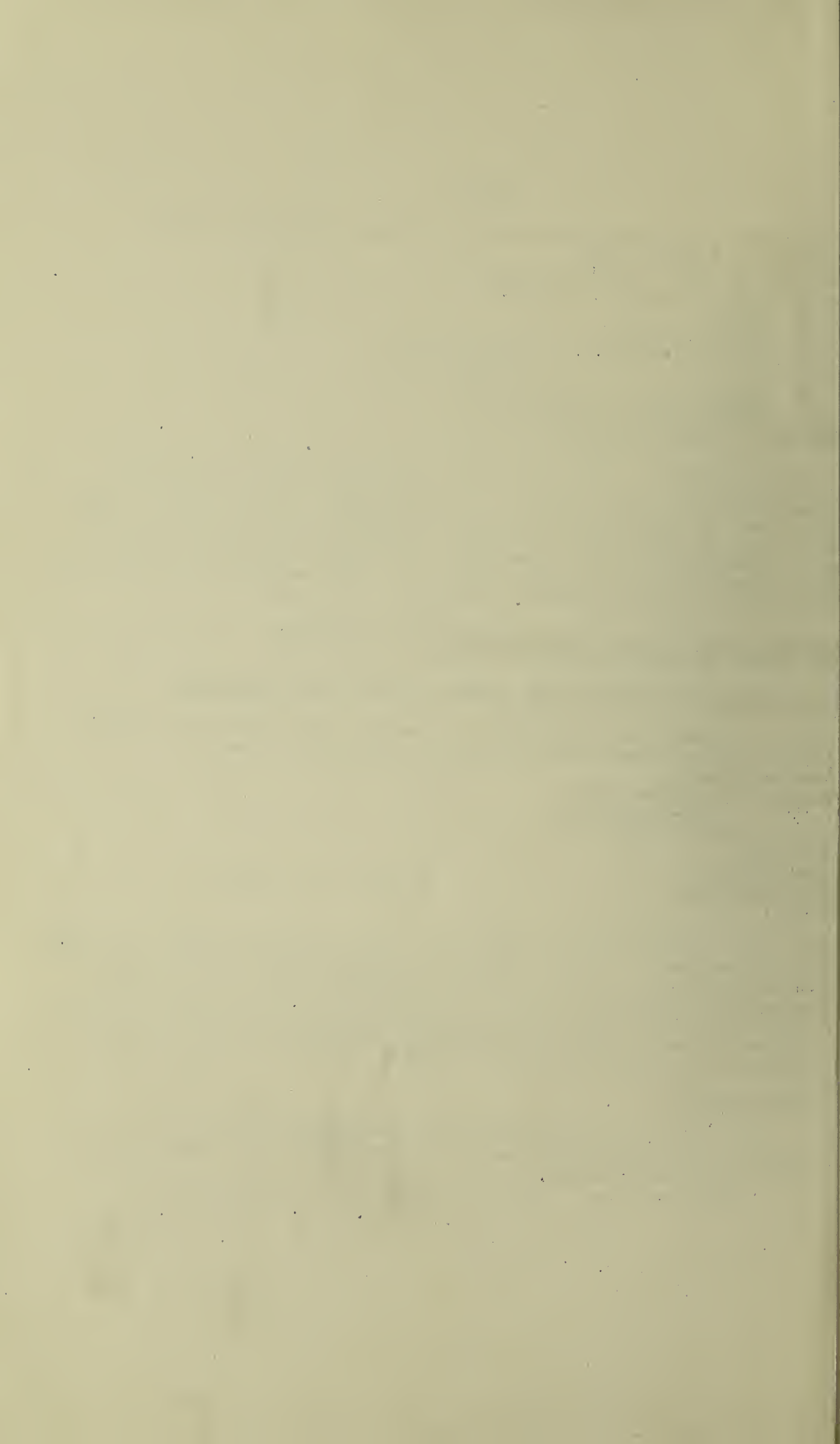
Scarlet Fever.	4
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	4
" Non-pulmonary)	0
Cerebro Spinal fever.	1
Pneumonia.	9
Erysipalis.	2
Poliomyelitis.	3 (only 1 confirmed)
Total.	23

Under the measles and whooping cough regulations there were 106 cases of measles and 24 cases of whooping cough notified during the year. The cases of Scarlet Fever and Cerebro-Spinal Fever and 3 cases of suspected Poliomyelitis were all removed to Congleton Isolation Hospital. Only 1 case of Polio-myelitis was confirmed. This was the only case of Infantile Paralysis in this district during the epidemic throughout the whole country.

Tuberculosis.

The under-mentioned specimens of sputum received by the County Laboratory from persons resident in the area were examined with the results shown.

Positive...3... Negative...33..... Total...36.



Tuberculosis.

New Cases. Age Periods.	Deaths in the Area 2		Deaths in the Area 2		Deaths in the Area 2		Deaths in the Area 2	
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-16	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
15-25	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
25-35	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	1	4	2	1	1	1	0	0

Immunisation against Diptheria.

Your Council has adopted the provision of facilities for immunisation against Diptheria and organisms of the typhoid group. Circular 2230 from Ministry of Health.

The scheme is entirely voluntary, the issue of vaccine is free and the expense of administration rests with the County Council.

Record cards which are supplied by the County Council are kept in all cases. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the Authority's area during the past year.

Age at date of final injection.

Under 5	5-14	Total.
21	2	23

Total number of children who were given a secondary injection 135.

Cancer.

The prevalence of Cancer is not abnormal. There were 4 deaths from it during 1947.

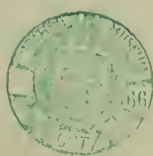
Disinfection of Premises.

This has been carried out by the Local Authority. Bedding, clothing etc. are removed to West Heath Sanatorium for disinfection. A motor ambulance is provided for the conveyance of patients to and from the sanatorium.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

HENRY P HARPUR M.D.
Medical officer of Health.

Augst 1948



Immunisation against Diptheria and Whooping Cough.

Record cards of Immunisation are supplied by the County Council and are kept in all cases, they are filled in by the Doctor completing the process and forwarded to the Divisional Medical Officer, 11, West Street Congleton.

The prevalence of Cancer is not abnormal, there were 9 deaths from it during 1948.

Yours faithfully,

H.P.Harpur, M.D.

July 1949.

Medical Officer of Health.

